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SUBJECT: FORECLOSED VETERANS' BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN FILIPINOS

1. DURING MY RECENT CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON, I ASKED ARMY SECRETARY CALLAWAY TO EXAMINE POSSIBILITY OF REVISING A DECISION MADE BY ONE OF HIS PREDECESSORS WHICH FORECLOSED VETERAN'S BENEFITS TO CERTAIN WELL-DOCUMENTED AND WELL-DESERVING FILIPINOS. I CONSIDERED THIS SITUATION ESPECIALLY INEQUITABLE BECAUSE MANY LESS-DESERVING FILIPINOS ARE CURRENTLY ENTITLED TO SUCH BENEFITS.

2. AT THAT TIME, SECRETARY CALLAWAY ASKED WHETHER WE COULD INDUCE GOVERNMENT OF PHILIPPINES TO ESTABLISH A NUMERICAL LIMIT ON THOSE WHO MIGHT BE BENEFICIARIES OF SUCH A REVISED DECISION. HIS QUESTION WAS BASED ON ASSUMPTION THAT A BLANKET REVISION MIGHT RESULT IN A FLOOD OF QUESTIONABLE APPLICANTS.

3. ON MORNING MAY 9, I DISCUSSED THIS QUESTION WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS, WHO HAD RAISED MATTER WITH ME IN FIRST INSTANCE. I ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY OF SINGLING OUT A FEW HUNDRED ESPECIALLY MERITORIOUS CASES WHERE DENIAL OF BENEFITS WAS CLEARLY WORKING A HARDSHIP. MARCOS AGREED HE WOULD EXAMINE POSSIBILITIES OF SUCH A SCREENING AND WOULD INFORM ME OF RESULTS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM SECRETARY CALLAWAY OF
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THIS CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS. PLEASE ALSO MAKE

CLEAR TO SECRETARY THAT DECISION ON HIS PART WOULD NOT
RPT NOT INVOLVE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FROM DEPARTMENT OF ARMY
BUDGET. I AM NOT RPT NOT CERTAIN I MADE THIS POINT DURING
MY WASHINGTON CONVERSATION.
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